



March 26, 2014

The Michigan House of Representatives  
The Honorable Amanda Price, 89<sup>th</sup> District  
House Local Government Committee  
Lansing, Michigan

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RE: House Bill 4024

Dear Representative Price:

Our community was involved in an annexation attempt in 2009 which cost our community hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend. During this painful and expensive endeavor, the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees was surprised to learn that cities and villages in Michigan have protection against annexation that townships do not. We found this especially alarming since over 51% of Michigan residents reside in a township.

Our community is supportive of legislation changes that level the playing field and provide the same protection from annexation that cities and villages enjoy. I believe that House Bill 4024 is the right step towards equal protection to all Michigan citizens, not just to those residing in cities and villages.

I thank you for your careful deliberation and consideration regarding the annexation issues and encourage you to support House Bill 4024.

Sincerely,

**Charter Township of Northville**

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.  
Northville Township Clerk

Cc: Rep. Kurt Heise